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<b>(57) Abstract</b>  The invention relates to the use of a glucocorticosteroid for the manufacture of a medicament for treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in patients having an FEV <sub>1.0</sub> value > 65 % of predicted value and < 10 % reversibility in bronchodilator test. The invention further relates to a method for treatment of COPD in patients having an FEV <sub>1.0</sub> value > 65 % of predicted value and < 10 % reversibility in bronchodilator test, where a therapeutically effective amount of a glucocorticosteroid is administered to a patient in need of such treatment.		

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